



Year 5 Spring 1: Invaders (Anglo-Saxons)

Vocabulary

Sutton Hoo	A Saxon burial site which was found in Suffolk.
Saxons	A tribe which came across from Germany and settled in Britain around 450AD. Together, the tribes were called the Anglo-Saxons.
Jutes	A tribe which came across from Denmark and settled in Britain around 450AD. Together, the tribes were called the Anglo-Saxons.
Angles	A tribe which came across from Germany and settled in Britain around 450AD. Together, the tribes were called the Anglo-Saxons.
Barbarians	A savage raider. The Anglo-Saxons were called Barbarians.
Pagans	A person who worshiped non-Christian gods.
Chieftain	The leader of the village.
Ealdorman	A rich landowner who looked after land for the king. The word is the same as 'earl'.
Valhalla	Pagan version of heaven.
Picts	The people of Scotland who were fierce fighters.
Scots	Irish warriors who settled in Scotland.
St Augustine	A saint who converted Anglo-Saxon pagans into Christians.



Need to know knowledge:

- 1) Know that the Anglo-Saxons first arrived in Britain around 450AD. They travelled from Germany.
- 2) Know that the Scots settled in Scotland and that Angles, Saxons and Jutes all settled in England. These tribes came together to make the Anglo-Saxons.
- 3) Know that the Saxons controlled most of Britain by 660AD.
- 4) Know that the Anglo-Saxons built their own villages which had their own chieftain.
- 5) Know that Sutton Hoo is an Anglo-Saxon burial site which archaeologists have excavated.
- 6) Know that the Anglo-Saxons worshiped pagan gods at first, but were later converted to Christianity.



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Timeline

AD 410 Romans leave England, and its shores are unprotected.

AD 450 Traditional date for the arrival of the first Anglo-Saxons in Britain. During the following hundred years, more Anglo-Saxons settle.

AD 793 Vikings raid Lindisfarne Island and its monastery off the Northumbrian coast. This marks the beginning of the Viking raids on Anglo-Saxon England.

AD 865 A Danish Viking army invades Wessex.

AD 871 Alfred the Great, becomes king of Wessex. He drives the invading Vikings from the south but they stay in the north and east.

AD 924 Alfred the Great's grandson, Athelstan, becomes King of Wessex. In 927, he conquers the last Viking kingdom, York, and becomes the first king of England.

AD 889 Death of King Alfred.

AD 939 Athelstan dies and the Vikings invade England and take back the North.

AD 978 Aethelred II (also known as Ethelred) becomes king of England. He later dies in 1016.

AD 1012 Edward (the confessor) becomes king of England. Edward was known as 'the confessor' because of his strong beliefs.

AD 1066 Edward 'the confessor' dies. Harold Godwinson becomes the last Anglo-Saxon king of England. Both William Duke of Normandy and Harold Hardrada, king of Norway, send powerful threats to make claim to the Throne. Harold Hardrada is defeated by William of Normandy, at the Battle of Hastings.



